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*Fr. Monan has just cut the ribbon, officially launching the John H. Donovan Suite*

All photos: Lee Pellegrini

## A WORD FROM THE BCARF PRESIDENT:

### *Our Own Turf*

Several years ago, on the second day of class, I overheard one student tell another "You are sitting in my seat." On the second day yet!? How could that be? Well, like many other species, we humans are territorial creatures. Having our own space is very important for all kinds of reasons.

The good news is that the Association of Retired Faculty now has its own on-campus turf. That is no small commitment to you and me on the part of Boston College. After willingly giving up my own office in Fulton Hall last year to make room for a new faculty member of my department, I have to admit that my trips back to campus became less frequent. I had no computer, no phone, no place to hang my coat and, worst of all, no BC address! So why should I come back to Chestnut Hill?

As you probably know, in early February, the John H. Donovan Retired Faculty Suite in 21 Campanella Way was formally dedicated. Those of you who joined in the celebration had to be impressed with what you found. And the most important thing is we retired faculty of Boston College now have our own Boston College address again. It is Suite 556, 21 Campanella Way and it is our turf. Sure, we will have to share the three offices and the lounge, but that ought not present serious problems.

Actually I hope that we will have lots of our retired colleagues desiring to use the suite from time to time, so that we have to develop a usage schedule. As the old adage goes, "Use it or lose it." So whether you want to use one of the shared offices for current projects you are working on, relax in the lounge to

read or socialize with fellow retirees or some of both, if you have not already done so, arrange with Joyce Dwyer, the BCARF secretary to obtain your personal key to the Donovan Suite.

Of course you can't bring in your whole professional library, but there will be file space for materials you may be working on currently. Phones and computers as well as common office supplies are available. And the convenience to the O'Neill Library via a walkway from the floor below our suite is a distinct plus.

This new resource is a significant step forward for BCARF. At a recent meeting with representatives of retirement organizations at Boston University, Harvard and MIT, all of whom have long standing groups, were envious that we have a suite our own. The last issue of the Chronicles featured an article about the dedication and the University website also carried a photo and short description of our Association and the dedication. So the Association continues to build a niche at the place we love and have served so long. It is my hope that you will take an active part with us and share the thorough enjoyment I get in reuniting with colleague/friends of more years that I care to admit!

Jack Lewis

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### WHAT'S IN THE SUITE?

Jack has already spread the good word that the Donovan Retired Faculty Suite is now up and running. But in case you're curious about specifics, read on.

If you haven't seen it already, the suite is located on the fifth floor of 21 Campanella Way, close to the lower campus parking garage. Go up to floor five, then once off the elevator, turn right. Go straight ahead, and No. 556 is the first door on the right.

Inside, at the end of a hall, you'll see the suite's gleaming bright lounge with its wooden conference table, plants and grand arched window. That space is already being used by various BCARF committees. Easy chairs and tables are there for your reading and relaxation.

In addition you'll find three separate offices with four computers (two PCs and two Macs), along with a printer and a scanner/fax/copier machine. Phones and supplies are in place as well.

For any problems using computers in the suite, contact BCARF's own technical consultant, Kathy Goss, Rm. 458, same building ([tc1cas@bc.edu](mailto:tc1cas@bc.edu)).

You can have personal voice mail set up for you there by getting in touch with Nancy Samya in the AVP's office.

And if you don't have a key to the suite yet, just ask a committee member for one at the next general meeting you attend. The space is kept locked, so while you're there, be sure

to keep the door shut for the security of furnishings and supplies.



*John and Mary Donovan at the Grand Opening*

At the opening and the last general meeting we were able to seat 35 people. So until we get too big for the room, we'll continue having our general meetings there.

Let's say it again: retirees at other local colleges have nothing vaguely comparable to our new facility, so...Enjoy!

## OUR MONTHLY PROGRAMS

For those who could not attend them, these were the programs offered at our general meetings this school year:

September 23, 2004, Prof. **James O'Toole**: "Going to New Heights: Preserving the Past and Designing the Future."

October 21, 2004, Members of the Institute for Learning in Retirement: "Teaching and Learning in Retirement: Multiple Perspectives."

November 18, 2004, visit to McMullen Gallery. Two undergraduate docents guided us through Fernand Knopff's "Inner Visions and Landscapes."

February 3, 2005: Grand Opening of the John H. Donovan Retired Faculty Suite.

March 3, 2005, **Leo Sullivan** and **Jack Burke** (Human Resources): "Retiree Health Benefits: BC's Policy and National Trends."



*Some Animated Socializing at the Grand Event*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Be sure to set aside Wednesday, June 1 for the annual BCARF banquet in the Shea Room. If you were at last year's banquet, you'll certainly want to attend. If not, please join us. You'll receive invitations with all the details this spring.

On Friday, April 9, Alan Kafka (Geology) will inform us about seismic activity right in New England and the possibility of a tsunami in our region. Details to be mailed.

## IN THE WORKS

Since parking on campus threatens to become more restricted in the coming year, our BCARF President and members of the planning committee are working hard on securing free access to parking on lower campus for BCARF members. You will be informed of any such developments in the next newsletter.

A BCARF subcommittee plans to put together a directory of names of all faculty retirees, their home address, phone number and email address, if available.

The recently formed Boston Area Academic Retiree Organization includes to date BU, MIT, Harvard and BC. Jack Lewis and Jean Mooney represented BCARF at the first meeting of the group. This May, Boston

College will host the second meeting. This is a fine opportunity for sharing ideas on programs structure and goals.

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### JOIN THE WHO-SAID-WHAT CONTEST



In the these photos Fr. Bill McInnes is shaking his finger sternly at University Historian Tom O'Connor. Tom replies with an expressive shrug. What went on there? Whoever sends in the best captions wins and gets credit in the next *Bulletin*. Submissions to [leev@bc.edu](mailto:leev@bc.edu) or voice message at 617 965.1768.

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### THAT CLASSROOM MOMENT

Have you experienced some particularly amusing or memorable incident in the course of your classroom career? If you think of a short anecdote to share with us, please submit it to [leev@bc.edu](mailto:leev@bc.edu) or to anyone on the planning committee, listed below.

This may not be funny but let's try it as a starter. A colleague was shown a copy of his course critique. One student had written: "This course taught me more than I wanted to know." Now you surely can top that.

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### NEWS OF RETIREES

A CD by **John Mahoney** (Eng.), *Poetry of Faith, Read by John Mahoney*, from the Burns Library Poetry Series, may be found in the BC bookstore. It's a great choice of poetry introduced by John - a wonderful gift for family or friends.

**Alan Lawson** (History), currently with the Honors Program) informs us that a play written by his son Richard (BC 05) was selected for performance at Boston College. The play, *Zoe*, was staged at Robsham Theater the last week of February and has been submitted to a national competition.

## RECENTLY DECEASED

We note with deep regret the passing of the following Boston College faculty members:

**Gary Brazier**  
(Political Science)  
**Robert Castagnola**  
(Graduate School of Social Work)  
**Francis McCaffrey**  
(Physics)  
**Bob O'Malley**  
(Chemistry)

## NEED COMPUTER HELP?

The Faculty Micro Resource Center in Gasson Basement, 010 is at your service. Under the direction of Michael Connolly and Richard Jenson.

Current staffed hours:

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[cnnmj@bc.edu](mailto:cnnmj@bc.edu) or 552-3912

Jenson: Tu/Th 9:00-10:15

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<http://fmwww.bc.edu/ARF/ARF.html>

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*Just before the ribbon cutting*

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